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SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR:—" May I know, Sir, whether, during the Prakasam Ministry, a Committee was constituted to enquire into the possibility of giving Homœopathic treatment in this State and submit a report? May I also know, Sir, whether the Government have received the report of the Committee and if so, what the Government are going to do with that report? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" Government have not thought it necessary to take any action on the recommendations made in that report."

SRI B. K. NALLASAMY:—" In view of the fact that doctors possessing the M.B.B.S. degree are not available for rural dispensaries and in view of the fact that L.M.P. and L.I.M. Courses are not to be reintroduced, will the Government consider the question of opening short term courses in Allopathy?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" Sir, the question of making rural medical relief work effective and of finding men for this work is being considered by the Government. Government are shortly calling a conference of a few medical men to consider this question."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—" Although the Government may not agree that Homœopathic system is good or useful, will they at least desist from showing contempt for it in answering questions? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I am sorry, Sir, the Leader of the Opposition has misunderstood the answer of the Hon. the Minister for Public Health. The Hon. the Minister for Public Health said that a large number of Homœopathic practitioners had not gone through any course of training which may be genuine or which may be substantial but were simply carrying on with a book and a box of medicines. He made no observations with regard to the system."

Preparation of Ayurvedic medicines.

* 207 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMESAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the preparation of Ayurvedic medicines is exempted from the laws of Prohibition; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (*a*) The preparation of Ayurvedic medicines, other than those that contain ganja or bhang and asavas and arishtas, are exempted from the laws of Prohibition.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 208 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Doctors in King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, are permitted to take consulting fee from the patients?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Medical Officers attached to the King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, are not allowed to receive fees from patients for consultation in the hospital during working hours. They can, however, do consulting practice after hospital working hours and receive fees therefor."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that only those patients who pay consulting fees, as it is called, are admitted as in-patients? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No Sir. No such report has come to the Government."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that most patients who go to the hospital are asked to visit the doctor at his residence? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are not aware of such cases."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will conduct an enquiry into this matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, some of these cases are under enquiry."

Construction of Koppam-Penganttiri road in Walluvanad taluk.

* 209 *Q.*—SRI V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the proposed Koppam-Penganttiri road in Walluvanad taluk in Malabar district is included in the Post-War Reconstruction Scheme?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The road referred to is not included in the five-year plan of Post-War Road Development but is included in the district board's village road programme."

SRI V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON :—" Considering the difficulties experienced by the people of the villages near the proposed Koppam-Penganttiri road even in the matter of getting medical aid in urgent cases, will the Government be pleased to see that the work is taken up this year itself? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The road is included in the district board's village road programme and every attention will be paid to it."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know, Sir, what is the total mileage for Malabar sanctioned in the Post-War Road Development Scheme? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I require notice."

Land Revenue concessions to ryotwari villages.

* 210 *Q.*—SRI K. RAMAIAH CHOWDARY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether